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**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
SUSSEX CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
MARCH 20, 2014
124 HALSEY STREET
NEWARK, NJ 07105
9:00a.m.**

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I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the New Jersey Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Thursday, March 20, 2014. Nancy Schneider, Chair of the Committee announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was present:

PRESENT

**Nancy Schneider, M.A., CCC-A, FAAA
Hilda Pressman, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S
Gerard Caracciolo, Ed. D.
Chetan Shah, MD
Anne Eckert, Au.D.**

EXCUSED

Louis Conte, D.O.

ABSENT

Sharon Shinkle Gardner

ALSO PRESENT

**Carmen Rodriguez, DAG
Renee P. Clark, Executive Director**

II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair- A motion was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Dr. Shah to nominate Ms. Pressman for Committee Chair. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Secretary-A motion was made by Ms. Pressman seconded by Dr. Shah to re-nominate Dr. Caracciolo for Committee Secretary. The motion carried by unanimous vote. At the request of Ms. Pressman, Ms. Schneider continued to conduct the meeting.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Pressman seconded by Dr. Caracciolo to approve the January 16, 2014 Public Session Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV REGULATORY ANALYST

- a. Charles Manning discussed the review draft of rules on temporary licenses. After review a motion was made by Ms. Pressman seconded by Dr. Eckert to approve changes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. Assembly No.681 which provides for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders was reviewed by the Committee. After review the Committee takes no position. The motion was made by Ms. Pressman seconded by Dr. Caracciolo. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- c. Assembly No. 682 which establishes a process to bar certain health care providers from receiving reimbursement under PIP was reviewed by the Committee. After review a motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo seconded by Ms. Pressman to remain neutral. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Kathleen Miller submitted an inquiry as to whether or not using Language Scale-PLS-5 is reliable and does New Jersey take a position on the validity/reliability of the results gathered from administering an outdated test (PLS-3).

After review a motion was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Ms. Pressman to send a letter to Ms. Miller advising her that the Committee's regulations do not address Language Scale-PLS-5 or the use of an outdated test (PLS-3). Therefore, Ms. Miller should use her professional judgement in regards to the use of such tests. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b. Judith Lifshitz applied for a Temporary License which was issued December 3, 2013. Due to the fact that the Committee has determined to continue the policy that has been in place to accept the Clinical Fellowship hours completed in an exempt setting, until a new regulation is adopted. Ms. Lifshitz is requesting a refund of the \$75.00 application fee and \$50.00 Temporary License fee for a total of \$125.00.

After review a motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo seconded by Dr. Eckert to refund Ms. Lifshitz a total of \$125.00. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- c. Aron Rosenberg submitted an inquiry regarding the definition of what an epiglottic tubercle was and where its borders are. Inquiry included a picture that was not recognizable.

After review a motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo seconded by Ms. Pressman to send Mr. Rosenberg a letter advising him since he is a licensee in New York, to contact a local Ear Nose and Throat Doctor in the State of New York to address his inquiry. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI WEBSITE REVIEW

Ms. Schneider to email suggested changes to the Executive Director and Ms. Claudino.

VII FYI

- a. Marci Schwab complied with the continuing education requirements for the renewal period ending on October 31, 2013. (No attachment)

This matter was moved to Executive Session for reconsideration.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo seconded by Ms. Pressman to proceed to Executive Session, to hold an investigative inquiry, to consider and review advertisements, consumer complaints and other information received pursuant to the Committee's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Board's regulations have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Committee chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo, seconded by Ms. Pressman to adjourn the meeting at 2:00p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee

Renee P. Clark
Executive Director